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Dear Ms. Hesse:

Thank you for accepting comments on the settlement with Microsoft.

The so-called Innovation Economy results in a higher standard of living for all of us. Our lives become richer because of the opportunities afforded us by a robust and vibrant technology industry. Litigation does nothing but tack on costs that in the end, we all must bear and for which we must all compensate.

The marketplace, not the courtroom, should decide winners and losers in the tech sector. Instead of finding excuses and ingenious ways to continue prosecuting the case of U.S. v. Microsoft.

The settlement agreement the U.S. Justice Department and nine states agreed on with Microsoft seems fine. We need to move on, for the good of the technology industry and our economy as a whole. As an executive of a technology business, I can tell you that for every day this case is extended, we lose opportunities.

Sincerely,

Chip Griffin

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